

**House File 88 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to procedures for the implementation of  
2 interventions by school districts with attendance centers  
3 identified as persistently lowest-achieving schools.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 61, paragraph b, Code  
2 2011, is amended by striking the paragraph.

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EXPLANATION

4 This bill removes a provision that directs the director of  
5 the department of education to require a school district that  
6 has one or more attendance centers identified as a persistently  
7 lowest-achieving school to negotiate with the school district's  
8 employee organization to reach a memorandum of understanding  
9 that contains an agreement regarding which of the four possible  
10 interventions the school district will implement as required by  
11 the U.S. department of education.

12 Currently, the school district and the employee organization  
13 representing the school district's teachers must meet at  
14 reasonable times to negotiate a memorandum of understanding  
15 that contains an agreement on the specific intervention to  
16 be implemented and a provision stating that the terms of any  
17 collective bargaining agreement between the parties shall  
18 remain in effect and unaltered except as specifically agreed  
19 to in the memorandum. If the parties are unable to reach an  
20 agreement within 45 days, they must select an impartial and  
21 disinterested person to serve as a mediator, who shall not  
22 compel the parties to agree. If mediation fails after 30  
23 days, the school district shall not receive any federal school  
24 improvement funds for the attendance center identified as a  
25 persistently lowest-achieving school. The memorandum remains  
26 in effect for the period of time that an attendance center is  
27 identified as a persistently lowest-achieving school unless a  
28 duration period is included in the memorandum or the parties  
29 mutually agree to amend the memorandum.